

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of a Rate)
Increase for Raccoon Creek Utility Operating)
Company, Inc.)

Case No. SR-2016-0202

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 31, 2016

Effective Date: August 31, 2016

The Commission previously granted the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission extensions of time to file a disposition agreement with Raccoon Creek Utility Operating Company, Inc. until August 30, 2016. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(12) requires Staff to file “an updated timeline reflecting the extension.” A revised timeline, although filed with the first extension, was not filed with the second extension. Thus, the Commission directed Staff to file the revised timeline no later than August 30, 2016. However, Staff did not file a second revised timeline.

Staff also indicated in the partial disposition agreement filed on August 30, 2016, that it expected to file a request for an evidentiary hearing in this matter. Because small company rate cases are an expedited proceeding, 170 days of which have already expired in this case, the Commission directs Staff to immediately file either a revised case timeline or an explanation as to why it cannot comply with this order.

Additionally, because of the tight schedule and difficulty in arranging hearings on short notice, the Commission further directs Staff to include in its proposed timeline possible dates for at least one local public hearing and an evidentiary hearing. In constructing its proposed timeline, Staff shall consider that Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 requires a “small utility rate case must be finally presented to the commission

no later than nine (9) months after the case is opened . . .” The nine-month deadline in this case is November 2, 2016.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than September 1, 2016, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall, and any other party may, file a revised timeline in this matter that includes possible dates for a local public hearing and for an evidentiary hearing.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31ST day of August, 2016.